



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



March 2006

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm
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MINNESOTA, Central and South Central

MNZ051>054-056>070-073>078-082>085-091>093 Sherburne - Isanti - Chisago - Lac Qui Parle - Chippewa - Kandiyohi - Meeker - Wright - Hennepin - Anoka - Ramsey - Washington - Yellow Medicine - Renville - McLeod - Sibley - Carver - Scott - Dakota - Redwood - Brown - Nicollet - Le Sueur - Rice - Goodhue - Watonwan - Blue Earth - Waseca - Steele - Martin - Faribault - Freeborn

12	1200CST	0	0	Winter Storm
13	1600CST			

A major winter storm traversed much of Central Iowa and Southern Wisconsin from the afternoon hours on the 12th, to the early evening on the 13th. Snow began to fall around 1200 CST across South Central Minnesota, and overspread the entire area by 2000 CST. The storm dumped as much as 19 inches of heavy, wet snow, including a wide swath of 6 to 12 inches. The heaviest amounts occurred mainly southeast of a Redwood Falls to Lindstrom line. Sustained winds in the 15 to 25 mph range, with gusts between 30 and 38 mph, contributed to moderate to substantial blowing snow and very poor visibility, even in those areas where there was only three to four inches snow.

The storm resulted in dozens of school cancellations, as well as many cancelled or delayed flights, including Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport. Highway 52, south of Cannon Falls, was closed for several hours during the late morning hours on the 13th. The Minnesota Department of Transportation recommended that motorists stay off the roads in Southern Minnesota for most of the daylight hours on the 13th. Xcel Energy reported as many as 21,000 customers through portions of Central and South Central Minnesota were left without power during the storm. In the Twin Cities alone, the State Patrol reported 260 property damage accidents, 19 personal injury accidents, and 252 vehicles sliding off roadways, and seven jack-knifed semi-trucks.

The greatest snowfall total was at Hastings, where 19 inches was measured. Other amounts include 13 inches at North St. Paul (Ramsey County), 12 inches at Red Wing (Dakota County), Woodbury (Washington County), Montgomery (Le Sueur County) and Sherburne (Martin County), 11 inches in New Hope (Hennepin County) and St. James (Watonwan County), 9 inches at Rockford (Wright County), 8 inches at Hutchinson (McLeod County), 7 inches at Ellendale (Steele County), 6 inches at Granite Falls (Yellow Medicine County), Boyd (Lac Qui Parle County), Albert Lea (Freeborn County) and Branch (Chisago County), and 4 inches at Lake Lillian (Kandiyohi County) and Dassel (Meeker County).

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Sherburne - Wright - Hennepin - Anoka - Ramsey - Washington - Carver - Scott - Dakota - Goodhue

15	2000CST	0	0	Winter Storm
16	1400CST			

A surface low pressure system over Northern California late on the 14th, intensified and moved into Central and Northern Iowa by the morning of the 16th. Light snow began to fall at approximately 20:00 CST on the 15th. Much of East Central Minnesota and a portion of Southeast Minnesota incurred snowfall amounts in the four to eight inch variety, and some blowing and drifting snow with sustained winds generally between 10 and 15 mph, and occasional gusts around 25 mph. The highest snowfall total was 8.6 inches at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP). Other amounts included 8 inches at Mounds View and Maplewood (both in Ramsey County), 7 inches at Stillwater (Washington County), Fridley (Anoka County) and Chanhassen (Carver County), and 6 inches at Buffalo and Annandale (both in Wright County), Prior Lake (Scott County), Inver Grove Heights (Dakota County), and Red Wing (Goodhue County).

WISCONSIN, West

WIZ014>016-023>025-027 Polk - Barron - Rusk - St. Croix - Pierce - Dunn - Chippewa

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WISCONSIN, West

13 1700CST

A strong low pressure area marched through much of Central Iowa and Southern Wisconsin from the afternoon hours on the 12th, to the early evening on the 13th. Snow began to fall around 20:00 CST on the 12th, and dumped as much as 23 inches of heavy, wet, snow across much of West Central Wisconsin. Winds between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts to around 35 mph, produced considerable blowing and drifting snow. Dozens of schools cancelled classes. Some reports include 23 inches at Haugen (Barron County), 20 inches at Prescott (Pierce County), 18 inches at Baldwin (St. Croix County), 17 inches at Clear Lake (Polk County), 15 inches at Ridgeland (Dunn County), 12 inches at Weyerhaeuser (Rusk County), and 10 inches at Bloomer (Chippewa County).

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St. Croix - Pierce

15 2200CST
16 1300CST

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Winter Storm

A surface low pressure system over Northern California late on the 14th, intensified and moved into Central and Northern Iowa by the morning of the 16th, and then into Northern Illinois by the late afternoon on the 16th. Light snow began to fall at approximately 22:00 CST on the 15th. Much of Pierce and St. Croix counties incurred snowfall amounts in the four to seven inch variety, and some slight blowing and drifting snow with sustained winds generally between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts around 25 mph. Some snowfalls of note include: Spring Valley (Pierce County): 6.5 inches; Hudson (St. Croix County) 6.0 inches; Ellsworth (Pierce County) 5.0 inches.